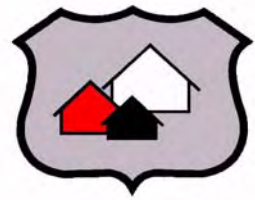


Riverside's Crime Free Community

THE INSIDE BEAT



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IMPORTANT DATES

**CRIME FREE MULTI
HOUSING TRAINING**
JANUARY 17, 2006
FEBRUARY 28, 2006
MARCH 27, 2006

AGGIE MEETINGS
3rd Tuesday of every month
From 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
At Dave & Buster's in Rancho
Cucamonga

**CRIME FREE MANAGER'S
ASSOCIATION MEETING**
No Meeting Scheduled to Date

**UCR MANAGER'S
ASSOCIATION MEETING**
Third Wednesday of every month
10:00-11:00 am
At Bannockburn Center, J102

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

LIEUTENANT BACON
354-1982

OFFICER JOHN START
CENTER
354-1981

OFFICER WILLIAM RODRIGUEZ
NORTH/EAST
354-1983

OFFICER CLARENCE DODSON
WEST
354-1984

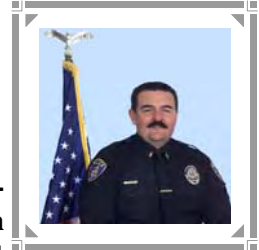
CHERI CURZON
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PSR TINA SHOOK
715-3429

CRIME FREE FAX
715-3450

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

From The Desk of Lieutenant Tim Bacon



This is the inaugural newsletter, which will be sent out bi-monthly in an attempt to train, and improve communication between the Riverside Police Department's Crime Free Unit and the communities we serve. I am proud of the accomplishments we made as a team in 2005. The Seventh Annual Crime Free Conference was held in Riverside in July and was a major success. We added a third officer, Clarence Dodson, and we are striving to add a fourth officer this year. In addition, we are very fortunate to have added a police service representative, Tina Shook, who is assigned to the Brockton Crime Free Multi Housing Office. Officer John Start is beginning to transition into a full time trainer assisted by Officers Dodson and Rodriguez. Officer Start is in the process of developing a crime free curriculum for Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, Hotel Motels and Mini Storage. He has been charged with updating the current Crime Free Multi Housing class as well as development of advanced training. Officer Rodriguez will be responsible for the Crime Free Multi Housing program in his area as well as property crime prevention assessments throughout the city. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) inspections will continue to be a major priority in 2006. In 2006, we will need your help in continued recruitment of properties into our program. We have evidence to support that properties involved with our program typically have reductions in residence-based crime as much as ninety percent. In 2005, we had several properties that refused to participate in our program and would not assist us in helping them rid their properties of gang members and drug dealers. The problem grew outside the boundaries of the apartment complex. The Riverside Police department, City Attorney's Office, and Code compliance took action when it was obvious that our community was impacted in such a way that the entire area was considered unsafe. After civil actions, and enforcement efforts the property management companies took control and as a result calls for service have dropped in those communities dramatically. I have personally been to these properties and talked to the residents. There is a sense of relief and pride throughout the neighborhood. I was contacted in the alleyway by a resident who said that as a result of the recent police efforts, "that it was so quiet it was like living in the country". The neighbors have begun to paint their homes, fix their yards, and property values obviously have appreciated. In closing, I am asking for each and everyone to get involved and make a difference in 2006.

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*"Active partners are
the heartbeat of the
Crime Free Program"*

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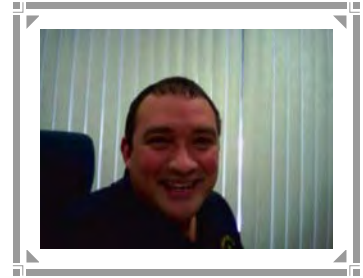
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WWW.RPDonline.org

"Helping Keep Illegal Activity Out of Rental Properties"

PROPER SCREENING

By Officer William Rodriguez—North/East

Greetings to all the wonderful owners, management companies, and managers that are participating in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. You have embraced the Crime Free philosophy and have put it to work, for that I applaud you. It is because of your dedication and commitment to the program that Riverside has seen a decrease in tenant based crimes on your properties. Lets be realistic, your proper screening and the criminal background checks you have been conducting on potential residents have given you the ability to rent to residents that are going to be less likely to commit crimes on your property. Therefore, your community is a safer and more desirable place to live and raise a family. Thank you again for making the year 2005 such a success! In the next addition, I



Consistent Screening is Crucial

will discuss in more detail why I believe it is so important to conduct criminal background checks on potential residents and what Fair Housing has to say about it.

TIP OF THE MONTH

By PSR Tina Shook

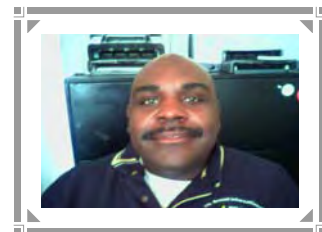
Deadbolts, window locks and peep holes are simple, cost-effective ways of reducing the opportunity of being victimized. These crime reducing tools only work though, if they are used. Remember to ***Lock & Look***.

STAYING CONNECTED

By Officer Clarence Dodson—West

Happy New Year Partners (Managers)! I hope that all of you had a happy holiday season. Now that we are in a new year, we can make a difference in our community if we work together. By working together we can make "Your" community not only safer for you, but for your residents as well. Here are some helpful tips for you: *As a manager get to know your tenants better by having more meetings and following the Crime Free philosophy. *Have the Crime Free signs and community rules posted where not only your current tenants can see them, but future ones as well. By displaying the signs, this lets people know that you are partners with the Riverside Police Department Crime Free Multi-Housing Unit.

Together, we can help your community because you know that



Safer Communities Stay Connected

"crime doesn't pay." I am here to help you. Don't hesitate to call and remember we are partners and will succeed in making our communities a safer and better place to live.

*"Coming Together is a Beginning, Keeping
Together is Progress, Working Together is a
Success"*

***Up-Coming Event: 3rd Annual Senior Conference
For More Information Contact PSR Nancy Castillo at (951)320-8042***